

## Fairfield City Council Ways and Means Committee Meeting 1-17-2012

In attendance: John Revolinsk  
Daryn Hamilton  
Connie Boyer  
Jeff Clawson  
Darrell Bisgard  
Jerry Long (by telephone)

### 1. Volunteer Center request for additional funds

The City Administrator reported that there will likely be \$20,000 less Local Option Sales Tax revenues than anticipated for the fiscal year, based on receipts to date. There has been a \$23,000 reserve balance of the fund. So our reserves will be down to \$3,000. Committee members expressed concern about the use of City funds to pay for salaries and weatherization projects for private homes. Volunteer Center representatives gave assurances that the additional funds would be used for office expenses and for other core operations. The committee agreed to recommend to the Council that the Center be given \$1000 of additional funds, not the full \$2,820 requested.

### 2. Designation of Burlington Northern Railroad \$40,000 payment for the closure of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street crossing and \$7500 from IDOT

\$25,000 of these funds has previously been committed to the Quiet Zone project and the committee discussed how to use the remaining funds. Darrell Bisgard, Director of Streets, assured the committee that closing the crossing, including signage, would cost under \$3,000. Daryn Hamilton expressed concern that Court Street north of the tracks is unsuitable for mounting the quiet zone channelization devices because it is severely deteriorated. Street engineering consultant, Jerry Long, was reached by telephone and concurred. Hamilton recommended that the funds available from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street closing (after subtracting the portion promised for the Quiet Zone and needed for crossing closing expenses) be used to repave the 60 feet of Court Street immediately north of the tracks. Jerry Long agreed that \$15-\$20,000 would be sufficient to cover costs of the repaving. The committee agreed to recommend to the council this use of the funds.

### 3. Discussion of 2012-13 budget process

Budget meeting dates were set and will be published. The committee agreed to the City Administrator's plan that the details of budgeting process will be worked out on the staff level with each department head. The committee will not be involved in making minor adjustments in each department's budget.

### 4. Committee goals for 2012-13

Lower property taxes  
Re-evaluate the City's group health program  
Re-examine the use of outside contractors.